

# Lottery



# Action

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## **Lucky Logan Farmer Wins \$1 Million**

***Second-Chance Winner John Straight Surprised by Lottery Staffers***

A western Iowa farmer's postal stamp paid off this morning. John Straight of Logan won the \$1 million prize in the "Thanks A Million" second-chance promotion.



**John and Debbie Straight celebrate after winning \$1 million.**

"I'm shocked!" said Straight.

Straight and his wife Debbie were surprised by Iowa Lottery representatives, friends and family early this morning at the First National Bank of Logan. The bank's vice president, Chris Hartwig, helped arrange the surprise.

"I told John that I had some old pictures to share with him and since he's a history buff, I thought it would get his attention," said Hartwig.

The lottery also talked with various relatives in town to make sure Straight would be in town for the celebration.

The Iowa Lottery's Money Mobile rolled into town and set up an hour before the check presentation so the Straights would not be suspicious of all the activity. The couple was supposed to show up at 9 a.m., but called to say they were delayed for an hour.

"The cows got out [on the farm] and we had to get them back in," said Debbie Straight. The Straights also thought they would have to skip the meeting altogether to pick up boards in



## ***At A Glance...***

### **Clip and Post!**

**Dream'n of Dollars — Top Prize \$12,000**

**Pot Luck — Top Prize \$400**

Be sure that players know the top prizes on the lottery's newest scratch tickets, "Dream'n of Dollars" (top prize is \$12,000) and "Pot Luck" (top prize is \$400). Since the top prize amounts are not on these tickets, players may ask you about them. Please post this notice on or near your scratch ticket dispenser so all clerks can see it. You may also tell them they can find this information in the game brochure. Thank you!

### **Check For Credit Versus Debit Cards**

Remember that there's a big difference between a debit card and a credit card — even though they may look the same. Many banks offer their customers debit cards that can be used to withdraw money from their checking or savings account. Plus some cards are combination credit cards and debit cards. If a lottery player hands you a card, it's important that you ask the player which kind of card they are using before you make the transaction. Lottery players can use debit cards to purchase lottery products. However, state law prohibits the use of credit cards to make a lottery purchase.

### **NEW Game End and Validation End Dates List:**

**Official Valid.  
Game Period  
End Ends**

Game #432	Here's the Deal	01/09/06	04/10/06
Game #434	Blazing 8's	01/09/06	04/10/06
Game #438	Super 6's	01/09/06	04/10/06
Game # 455	Sweet Rewards	01/09/06	04/10/06
Game #457	Wild Crossword (parrot)	01/09/06	04/10/06
Game #459	Clovers & Cash	01/09/06	04/10/06

Other important dates are listed on the back of this issue.

**See results from your state agencies: [www.resultsiowa.org](http://www.resultsiowa.org)**

# Players Will Be 'Dream'n' of Winning!

## Dream'n of Dollars

Cost: \$2  
 Top Prize: \$12,000  
 Odds: 1 in 3.84  
 Begin Ordering: Feb. 20



	Prize	Odds
Start dreaming of winning up to \$12,000!	\$2	1 in 6.00
Find a "Z" symbol and win the prize shown below that symbol.	\$3	1 in 18.75
Find a "ZZ" symbol and win double the prize shown below that symbol. 🍀	\$4	1 in 50.00
	\$7	1 in 150.00
	\$15	1 in 150.00
	\$50	1 in 150.00
	\$100	1 in 2,000.00
	\$12,000	1 in 120,000.00

## Pot Luck

Cost: \$1  
 Top Prize: \$400  
 Odds: 1 in 4.76  
 Begin Ordering: Feb. 20



	Prize	Odds
Is it your lucky day? Win up to \$400!	\$1	1 in 7.50
Match any of "Your Numbers" to the "Lucky Number" and win the prize shown for that number.	\$2	1 in 20.00
Find a "Clover" symbol and win that prize instantly. 🍀	\$4	1 in 75.00
	\$10	1 in 150.00
	\$20	1 in 300.00
	\$40	1 in 300.00
	\$400	1 in 40,000.00

**FEB./MARCH 2006**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>LOTTERY ACTION DELIVERS</b>						
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> MAX BET (PULL-TAB) (25 CENTS) BEGINS	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> POT LUCK (\$1)/ DREAM'N OF DOLLARS (\$2) BEGIN	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 4TH INSTANT REPLAY BIG SCREEN GIVEAWAY DRAWING	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>LOTTERY ACTION DELIVERS</b>						
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Mar. 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
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<b>LOTTERY ACTION DELIVERS</b>						

## Mason City Man Wins Two \$10,000 Prizes in Two Days

Luck struck twice for one northern Iowa man. He now has \$20,000 thanks to his good fortune.

On Jan. 24, 2006, Michael Eppens of Mason City won the top prize of \$10,000 playing the "Super Diamond Vault" TouchPlay game. He played and won at Kum & Go, 2301 S. Federal in Mason City.

The next day, Eppens took the day off from work to claim his prize at the Iowa Lottery's regional office in Mason City, but it wasn't long before he was back.

Eppens said, "I had some time to kill, about 10 minutes before picking up my kids." Eppens stopped by the Kum & Go at 1465 Fourth St. S.E. in Mason City to grab a drink. While he was there, he put some money in the "Super Diamond Vault" TouchPlay game and won the \$10,000 top prize again!

"I couldn't believe it. [It's] pretty unbelievable," Eppens said. "[My wife] had to talk with the lottery people be-

cause she didn't believe me!"

Eppens, 38, works as a supervisor for a door manufacturing company. "My co-workers all expect me to buy lunch now," he said. However, Eppens has other plans for his winnings. He

wants to help pay off his wife's education, buy his two kids a computer and MP3 player, take his family to Walt Disney World and put the rest in the bank.

Customers insert money into a TouchPlay machine as they do with any other vending machine. When a play is made, the TouchPlay machine's video monitor displays the results of the play while

electronic tones indicate whether the play has won a prize.

The overall odds of winning in the Super Diamond Vault game are 1 in 3. Prizes of \$2 to \$400 are claimed at the retailer. Prizes worth \$2,000 or \$10,000 are claimed at any Iowa Lottery office. 🍀

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**Michael Eppens of Mason City**

## Logan Farmer Wins \$1 Million in Drawing

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Storm Lake, but Debbie said she heard the urgency in Hartwig's voice.

When the couple finally arrived, Hartwig led them to a back conference room where camera crews, lottery officials and the Straights' daughter, in-laws, siblings and other extended family were hiding for the big announcement. Once the Straights got settled, lottery officials opened the door and presented the couple with balloons and a gigantic check.

Straight said his wife was skeptical he would win the promotion.

Iowa's newest millionaire says he wants to buy a combine for his farm, pay bills and share the winnings with his family.

"Thanks A Million!" said Straight.

Thanks A Million was a \$10 instant-scratch ticket that was released last summer to celebrate the Iowa Lottery's 20th Anniversary. The Thanks A Million ticket was created to thank players for their continuous support. The top prize in the game was \$10,000, however nonwinning Thanks A Million tickets could be entered for a chance to win up to \$1 million. The top prize drawing was held Jan. 26.

Other winners in the second-chance drawing include:

Aug. 4	Margaret Venteicher	Corning	\$500
Aug. 18	Ken Keene	Stanhope	\$500
Sept. 1	Margaret E. Stripling	LuVerne	\$1,000
Sept. 15	Edwin Hobbs	Bedford	\$1,000
Sept. 29	Virginia Miller	Shenandoah	\$2,500
Oct. 13	Helga McMicken	Carroll	\$2,500
Oct. 27	Robert Winn	Rock Island, Ill.	\$5,000
Nov. 10	Jay O'Brien	Atlantic	\$5,000
Dec. 1	Raymond Rose	Ottumwa	\$10,000
Dec. 22	Rick Johnson	Estherville	\$20,000 🍀



**John and Debbie Straight smile with Chris Hartwig, center, the vice president of the Logan bank who helped set them up for the surprise.**

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## GAME INFORMATION

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Game		Start Date	As of Feb. 6, 2006			
423	BIG MONEY	04/19/04				
435	GOLD CARD	08/09/04				
445	DOUBLE BINGO-Orange	08/30/04				
439	CROCODILE CASH	09/20/04				
443	QUICK 7'S	10/11/04				
452	CASHING THROUGH THE SNOW	11/15/04				
424	TICKLED PINK	12/06/04				
453	DOUBLE DIAMONDS	01/03/05				
430	70'S CASH FEVER	01/24/05				
446	DOUBLE BINGO-Purple	01/24/05				
456	XTREME GREEN	01/24/05				
460	WHOLE LOTTA LUCK	02/14/05				
465	DOMINOES-Red	02/14/05				
461	HIGH/LOW	03/07/05				
462	MONEY CARLO	03/07/05				
463	GOLD FEVER	03/28/05				
464	DOUBLE BLACKJACK-Green	03/28/05				
466	LUCKY HAND	04/18/05				
467	REELIN' IN THE CASH	04/18/05				
458	WILD CROSSWORD-Lizard	04/25/05				
468	BEE LUCKY	05/09/05				
469	MONEY COMB	05/09/05				
470	QUARTER PLAY-Purple	05/16/05				
471	FIRECRACKER CASH	06/06/05				
474	BEWITCHED	06/06/05				
475	CRAZY 8'S BINGO	06/06/05				
473	PIECES OF EIGHT	06/27/05				
472	PAYDAY	07/18/05				
476	ROARING 20's	07/18/05				
477	THANKS A MILLION	07/18/05				
478	WILD CHERRIES	08/08/05				
479	PORKER NIGHT	08/08/05				
481	LEAGUE NIGHT	08/29/05				
482	EMERALD GREEN 7'S	08/29/05				
485	WILD CROSSWORD-Confetti	08/29/05				
483	DOUBLE DOUBLER DOUGH	09/19/05				
484	CAT SCRATCH FEVER	09/19/05				
486	BLACKJACK	10/10/05				
487	DOUBLE BLACKJACK-Yellow	10/10/05				
488	HOLIDAY CASH	10/31/05				
489	WINNER WONDERLAND	10/31/05				
490	SANTA CLAWS & SANTA PAWS	10/31/05				
491	WINTER GREEN	10/31/05				
492	COOL CASH	11/28/05				
493	FABULOUS 5'S	12/09/05				
494	POT O' GOLD	12/09/05				
495	HEARTS ARE WILD	01/09/05				
496	THE COLOR OF MONEY	01/09/05				
497	CHAMPIONSHIP POKER	01/09/05				
498	\$35 MILLION CASH SPECTACULAR	01/09/05				
499	PIECE OF THE PIE	01/30/06				
			<b>Game</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Last Date To Pay Prizes</b>	
			432	HERE'S THE DEAL	07/19/04	04/10/06
			434	BLAZING 8'S	07/19/04	04/10/06
			438	SUPER 6'S	08/30/04	04/10/06
			455	SWEET REWARDS	01/24/05	04/10/06
			457	WILD CROSSWORD-Parrot	01/03/05	04/10/06
			459	CLOVERS & CASH	02/14/05	04/10/06



If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call 1-800-BETS OFF.  
You must be at least 21 years old to purchase lottery tickets.

### Lotto Game Information

	Drawing Days	Sales Cutoff Time	Approx. Drawing Time	Approx. Allowed Cashing Time
<b>Hot Lotto</b>	Wednesday and Saturday	7:59 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	11:45 p.m.
<b>\$100,000 Cash Game</b>	Monday through Saturday	6:18 p.m.	6:28 p.m.	6:40 p.m.
<b>Pick 3 and Pick 4 Midday</b>	Monday through Saturday	12:30 p.m.	12:40 p.m.	1:00 p.m.
<b>Pick 3 and Pick 4 Evening</b>	Sunday through Saturday	7:59 p.m.	9:20 p.m.	9:40 p.m.
<b>Powerball</b>	Wednesday and Saturday	7:59 p.m.	9:59 p.m.	11:40 p.m.